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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Livshits

Application No.: 09/459,573

Filing Date: December 13, 1999

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACID

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Ramirez

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to August 19, 2004.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) of \$420.00 for this Petition to our deposit account 50-3077.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: August 19, 2004